



Bill Proctor
Commissioner • District 1

February 25, 2004

Dear Mayor Marks and City Commissioners:

I want to thank Mayor Marks and Commissioner Gillum and Mrs. Favors, for the hospitality and graciousness they extended to me, Rev. Sam Phillips, Ms. Ann Floyd, and the other concerned citizens who met earlier today to convey our community's concerns about high utility bills.

Today's meeting served as a follow up to a town hall meeting held February 10th, 2004 at Bethel AME Church. In summary I offer you a copy of questions and concerns that were captured at the town hall meeting. Also, we have captured several responses that were given by city officials in response to inquiries they received.

Additionally, I share the request that the citizens are hereby making to the City Commission and they are as follows:

- 1) An independent outside audit of all utility operations including its purchasing of gas, electricity, water, etc. and how these matters are translated as charges to citizens.
- 2) An audit of utility bill increases per quadrant and per neighborhood over the last three years. How do the percentage of utility increases compare from different geographic areas.
- 3) Immediate roll back of electric rates.
- 4) All work order charges eliminated when lights are not turned off.
- 5) An immediate review of all bills that climbed over 50% the last two billing cycles
- 6) The establishment of a Independent Citizens Utility Review Board

Please note that I accept the Mayor's invitation that Leon County pay for a complete audit of the City's Utilities. I will take this matter to our board and I appreciate the City's invitation in this matter. Also, I do look forward to hosting a town hall meeting with Commissioner Gillum in late March of this year to bring the community information on the six requests.

Sincerely,


Bill Proctor